

## **Getting ready to Accelerate**

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**1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (MSG) “You’ve all been to the stadium and seen the athletes race. Everyone runs; one wins. Run to win. All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You’re after one that’s gold eternally. I don’t know about you, but I’m running hard for the finish line. I’m giving it everything I’ve got. No sloppy living for me! I’m staying alert and in top condition. I’m not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself.”**

### **HOW DO WE GET INTO THE RIGHT POSITION FOR GOD TO ACCELERATE US?**

#### **1. WE NEED TO BE WILLING TO GO THROUGH PREPERATION**

**1.1.** Everything doesn’t just happen at once, we are in a process of preparation.

**1.2.** We need to have endurance.

**Romans 5:3-4 (NLT) “We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. 4And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.”**

**1.3.** Preparation requires us to deal with our weak spots.

**1.4.** Sometimes God takes us through the fire to refine us.

#### **2. WE NEED TO HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE**

**1 Corinthians 9:26 (MSG) “I don’t know about you, but I’m running hard for the finish line. I’m giving it everything I’ve got.”**

**2.1.** Our attitude will determine our response to what is in front of us.

**2.2.** We need to approach our problems with the right attitude. It is not about finishing the race, it is how we run the race that counts.

#### **3. WE HAVE TO BE IN A TEAM**

**Proverbs 27:17 (NLT) “As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.”**

**3.1.** We need a team of people around us.

**3.2.** We need people who has our back.

**3.3.** We need people around us who will challenge us to become better people.

**3.4.** We need to allow people to speak into our lives.

#### **4. PREPARATION READIES US FOR ACCELERATION**

**4.1.** We have to get ready for acceleration by moving into the right position.

**4.2.** The work Jesus did on the cross makes it possible for us to be in the right position to be accelerated by God's grace. We have to align ourselves with the position God has prepared for us.

### **Sermon Discussion Guide**

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**OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.**

1. Are you willing to go through a preparation process, that will require you to face your fears, insecurities, intimidation and broken relationships, in order to be accelerated?
2. What is your attitude towards the struggles that you are working through at the moment? Are you determined to work through them and finish strong or are you ready to give up?
3. Do you have people in your life who has your back?
4. Do you allow people to speak into your life?